

REMARKS

In response to the Office Communication dated July 19, 2004, Applicants hereby re-submitted the Listing of Claims which now includes the text of all the pending and withdrawn claims.

No new matter is added. Entry is believed to be proper and respectfully requested. Currently, Claims 1-4, 18-19, 24-25 and 30 are pending. No additional claims fee is believed due.

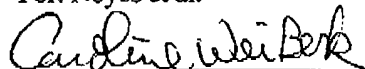
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the above represents an earnest effort to place the present application in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the pending claims, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,
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